

# The Bath Comedy

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Indeed, your laiship," turning to Lady Standish, "so far from our good Jasper having anything to say to Mistress Bellairs' presence here tonight, let me assure you that he and I set out alone at an early hour this evening, with no other object but to be of service to your ladyship, whom your anxious husband had been led to believe was likely to come this way—somewhat, ah, unsuitably protected, as he thought."

Then he bent down and whispered into Lady Standish's pretty ear (which she willingly enough lent to such consoling assurances, "As for your friend," he went on, "our delightful if volatile Bellairs—she came here with a vastly different person from Sir Jasper; poor O'Hara yonder, who's drinking all the time, she will tell you herself how it happened, but, gracious stars, my dear Lady Maria, have you not yet been given a glass of the—of Mr. O'Hara's restorative?"

"Allow me," cried Kitty, who, having just settled Sir Jasper's business for him, had now freedom to place her energies elsewhere. "Dearest Lady Maria, how sweet of you to join us in our little reconciliation feast!" She took a brimming glass from O'Hara's hands and held it, with a winking smile, for Lady Maria's acceptance.

"Madam!" responded the matron, scowled, drew her voluminous skirts together and became impenetrably deaf.

"Ah," cried the widow on her most noted, "madam, how I should have revered such a relative as yourself! Next to the joy of calling my Lord Verney's mother my mother would have been that of calling his aunt my aunt! But the dream is over, Lord Verney and I can never be more to each other than we are now."

"Eh?" the dowager recovered her hearing. "What's that, nevery?"

"Tis alas, true," said Lord Verney, with great demureness. "Mistress Bellairs has given me back my word."

"Forgive me, dear Lady Maria," trilled the widow.

"Mercy on us!" ejaculated the old lady, then, as if unconsciously, groped for the glass in Mistress Kitty's hand. "Sit down; sit down!" cried Mistress Bellairs. Stafford echoed with a jovial shout. There was a call for a fresh bowl. O'Hara's eyes began to dance, his tongue to resume its glibness. And Lady Maria was surprised to find how long her tumbler took to empty, but, curiously, never failed to be looking the other way when Mistress Bellairs with tenderest solicitude plied the silver ladle in her direction.

"I hope," said the ancient lady, now wreathed in smiles—"I hope that Mr. O'Hara's cordial is not really stronger than Madeira wine, which my physician says is all I ought to drink."

"Madame!" cried Mr. O'Hara. "Madame wine is a very fair drink; it is a fine stirring drink, but 'tis apt, I'm afraid, to heat the blood overmuch. Now, claret," he went on, pursuing the thesis—"claret's the wine for gentlemen—only for the devil of a way it has of lying cold upon the stomach—after four or five bottles. Do I hear you say 'Port' over there, Tom, me boy? I'll not deny but that port has qualities; it's strong, it's mellow, but it's heavy. It sends a fellow to sleep, and that's a terrible bad mark against it, for 'tis near as bad for a man to sleep when he has a bottle going as when he has a lady coming. Then there's champagne for you; there's the real tipple for a gentleman when he's alone—in a tete-a-tete—but 'tis not the wine for great company. Now, my dear friends," said O'Hara, stirring his new brew with the torch of a past master, "if you want to know a wine that combines the force of the Madeira with the elegance of the claret, the power and mellowness of the port with the exhilaration of the champagne, there's nothing in the world can compare to a fine screeching bowl of brandy punch!"

## CHAPTER XXIV.

WHEN Mistress Kitty had slipped half a glass with great show of relish and rakishness, and Lady Standish, under protest, had sucked a few spoonfuls; when Lady Maria, stuck in the middle of her fourth helping, protested that she really could not finish the tumbler and forthwith began to show signs of incoherence and somnolence; when O'Hara broke into snatches of song and Lord Verney began to make cat's eyes at the lost Mistress Kitty; when Sir Jasper, hanging round his wife's chair, showed unequivocal signs of repentance and a longing for reconciliation, and Stafford himself became more pointed in his admiration of Mistress Kitty and a trifle broader in his jests than was quite consistent with his usual breeding, the little widow deemed it, at last, time to break up the party.

There was a vast bustle, a prodigious ordering and counter ordering.

"Never mind me," whispered Stafford, ever full of good humor and tact, into Sir Jasper's ear, "take your wife home, man; I'll sleep here if needs be."

"Not a foot," asserted O'Hara, apparently quite sober and speaking with the most pleasant deliberation in the world, "not a foot will I stir from this place so long as there is a lemon left."

"The cursed scoundrel," cried Lord Verney, babbling with fury as he returned from the stables; "the scoundrel Spicer has driven off with my carriage!"

"Then shall we be a merry trio to drink daylight in," said Stafford, and cheered.

"Come, dear Lady Maria," said Kitty. "I shall take care of you. I will give you a seat in my chaise. We shall drive home together."

"Certainly, my dear; certainly," mumbled the dowager. "Who is that remarkably agreeable person?" she requested to know of Stafford in her prodigiously audible whisper. "My dear," she turned again to Kitty. "I like you wonderfully. I cannot quite remember your name, my dear, but we will go home together."

"Dear, dear Lady Maria!" cried Mistress Kitty, honey sweet. "My Lord Verney, give your arm to your revered relative—mind you, lead her carefully," she said, with all the lumps in her eyes dancing. "For I fear Mr. Stafford's cordial has proved a little staggering—after the night air! And warn her ladyship's attendant to be ready to escort us back in my carriage."

Then, taking advantage of Sir Jasper's absence—that gentleman might even then be heard cursing his sleepy servants in the yard—Mistress Kitty ran over to Lady Standish, who stood wistful and apart at the ingle nook.

"My dear," she murmured, "the game is in your own hands."

"Ah, no!" returned the other. "Oh, Kitty, you have been an evil counsel!"

"Is this your gratitude?" retorted Kitty, and plucked her friend with vicious little fingers. "Why, woman, your husband never thought so much of you in his life as he does now! Why, there has never been so much fuss made over you since you were born. Are these your thanks?"

"Oh, for the moment when I can fly to his bosom and tell him all! My foolish endeavor to make him jealous, my sinful pretense that he had a rival in my heart!"

"What?" exclaimed the widow, and her whisper took all the emphasis of a shriek. "Fly to his bosom? Then I have done with you! Bring him to his knees you mean, madam. Tell him all! Tell him all, forsooth. Let him know that you have made a fool of him, all for nothing; let him think that you had never had an idea beyond pining for his love; that no other man has ever thought of you; that he has never had a rival, never will have one; that you are merely his own uninteresting Julia whom nobody wants! Why, Lady Standish, 'tis laying down the arms when the battle is yours. Sheer insanity! Prodigious, prodigious!" cried Mistress Kitty.

"Be guided by me," whispered Kitty again. "Indeed, my dear, I mean well by you. Keep your secret if you love your husband. Keep it more precious than you would keep your youth and your beauty, for I tell you 'tis now your most valuable possession. Here," said she, and she took a letter from her famous bag and thrust it into Julia's hands. "Here is what will bring him to his knees! Oh, what a game you have upon this drive home if you know how to play it."

"What is this, now?" cried Lady Standish.

"Hush!" ordered Kitty, and clapped her friend's hand over the letter. "Promise! Here comes your lord!"

Sir Jasper had approached them as she spoke. He now bowed confusedly and took his wife's hand. But—"A word in your ear," said Mistress Kitty, arresting him as they were about to pass out. "A word in your ear, sir. If a man has a treasure at home he would keep for himself, he will do well to guard it! An unwatched jewel, my good sir, invites thieves. Good night!"

And now in the great room of the Bear inn were left only three, the two gallant gentlemen, O'Hara and Stafford, and Mistress Kitty.

Mistress Kitty had been successfully played out, and yet the lady lingered.

"Good night," she began, then shot a glance at Stafford. "I wonder," she said innocently, "if my carriage be ready and whether Lady Maria is well installed?"

"I will see," said Stafford simply, and vanished.

O'Hara stood by the table, slowly dipping the ladle into the punch and absently pouring the liquor back into the bowl again. She sidled round to him.

"Denis!" said she.

He turned his wildly bright eyes upon her, but made no answer.

"I'm going back," said she, and held out her hand.

He carefully put down the ladle, took the tips of her little fingers and kissed them. But his hands and his lips were cold.

"Glory be to God," said he, "it's a grand game you played with me—the Bath comedy entirely, Kitty."

Then he dropped her hand and took up the punch ladle again, with downcast looks.

"Will you not give me your arm to my carriage?" said she after a pause.

"Ah, Kitty, sure, haven't you broke my heart for me, and has not the punch robbed me of my legs?"

(To Be Continued.)

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## LARGE PARASITES ARE BEING REMOVED

Cooper's Medicine Brings New Disease to Light.

Young Man Explains the Causes of Trouble—Says Creatures Enter System in Rare Meat.

### PEOPLE WERE FRIGHTENED

St. Louis, Oct. 3.—Probably the most unusual feature of the excitement that has been created by L. T. Cooper's visit to this city is the removal of parasites or tapeworms by his preparations.

During the early part of Cooper's stay in St. Louis individuals who were taking his "New Discovery," as it is called, brought either to himself or to physicians throughout the city immense parasites that had left the system after using the medicine.

Many of these people were frightened, and cases of this sort became so numerous that Cooper finally made the following statement for publication:

He said: "In every city I visit these things are brought to me within a few days after my medicine is sold in the city. They are what is known as the tape-worm, and grow to enormous size."

"Few indeed realize how prevalent these creatures are. I think I have been the first to demonstrate what a large factor they are in the poor health of this generation. I believe that fully one-half the chronic stomach trouble that is so universal is caused by these parasites."

"Individuals may have them for years and not be aware of the reason for continued ill-health, but attribute it to many different diseases, when in reality one of these creatures is robbing them of their vitality."

"These parasites are taken into the system in uncooked food or rare meat, in the form of an egg, which hatches almost immediately. People suffering from them experience a feeling of lassitude and are extremely nervous. The action of the 'New Discovery' seems to be fatal to these great worms and in most cases a few doses of the medicine drives the creatures from the system. I will have hundreds of them brought to me before I leave the city."

This gruesome prophecy has been amply verified, for not only hundreds but thousands of St. Louis people have been relieved of one of these fearful parasites since taking Cooper's preparations, and the end of the city has been aroused by the fact.

Some of these parasites are of such enormous size as to startle the imagination. The statement of Father John Baptist Arnolds, one of the best known and best beloved priests in this section of the country verifies this. His statement, among others given to a reporter, was as follows:

"For years I suffered from what I thought was a general run down condition of the system caused by stomach trouble. I felt extremely tired all the time, and it was a great effort to attend to my duties. I would wake up in the morning feeling as worn out as when I went to bed. If I stood for any length of time I would have a pain in the lower part of my back, and would have to sit down."

"I was very nervous and depressed in spirits, and was troubled with dizzy spells. I would see spots before my eyes when I stooped over and raised up quickly. I had a very irregular appetite, and would have palpitation of the heart after ascending the stairs."

"The talk about Mr. Cooper's preparations was so universal that I decided to try some, although I do not take patent medicines as a rule. I took four doses of the 'New Discovery' as it is called, and a tapeworm about ninety feet in length left my system."

"I am very thankful for this great relief, and I now know what has been the cause of all my sufferings."

This story of Father Arnolds is a fair example of the experience of an astonishing number of St. Louis people, and Cooper's preparations are selling here in immense quantities. It is now estimated that he has sold one hundred thousand bottles to date in this city alone, and the sale is still increasing.

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## MANY QUESTIONS BEFORE THE BOARD

One-Sheet Stands of Kentucky Theater Ordered Down.

Palmer House Improvements to Be Investigated on Behalf of the Board.

### WILL INSPECT THE STREETS

The board of public works met yesterday afternoon for the first time in two weeks.

Tuesday was the date set for inspecting the bitulithic streets "on Broadway, Fifth to Ninth streets; Wednesday, Sixth, Seventh and Ninth streets will be inspected."

The steam heating company was granted permission to connect with DuBois-Kohls company building and with the I. D. Wilcox residence at Sixth street and Kentucky avenue.

The Kentucky theater management, which advertises only in the evening papers, was ordered to discontinue sandwich one-sheet stands usually placed on Fifth street and Broadway when the seat sale opens.

The engineer is instructed to ascertain if the sidewalks at Fifth street and Broadway are affected by improvements to the Palmer house.

The Pittsburg Coal company was ordered to get an apparatus used in hoisting coal at Washington and First streets out of the way until street improvements are finished.

The assignee for the American Road Roller company agreed to take \$250 for the \$500 debt owed the company. It was accepted.

The Paducah Traction company was ordered to put in a better grade of gravel in filling tracks.

To keep from working Sunday, one man was ordered late Saturday night to clean around the market house.

Orders were issued to telephone and telegraph companies to set back and remove poles from the pavements.

Tomorrow the board will make a trip over the city and locate lights. There are 24 more lights to be located.

The Illinois Central was granted permission to lay a cinder path on the Thirteenth street fill.

The request of Lawrence Dallam for a grade at Fountain avenue and Broadway for sidewalks was referred to the general council.

Thomas Bridges' Sons asked to be paid for raising the bridge under which the firm built a culvert near the Illinois Central passenger station. It sank while the culvert was being made. The matter was referred.

The board agreed to inspect North Twelfth street, built by E. C. Terrell, tomorrow.

Underground piping was ordered laid at Twenty-third street and Kentucky avenue.

The street inspector was ordered to repair Kentucky avenue, Jefferson street and Broadway where bitulithic and brick streets meet.

Orders were issued to prohibit fruit stands on the pavements on Broadway. They must be kept inside the building as they obstruct the sidewalk.

C. E. Jennings was ordered to repair sewers by Saturday. The sewers were damaged in constructing.

### NOTICE.

List of new subscribers added by the East Tennessee Telephone Company today:

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INSURANCE

Harahan boulevard.

Bids for fuel for the lighting plant will be opened Wednesday.

The street inspector was ordered to inform contractors that unless debris left on streets is not removed within 24 hours after dumped there, warrants will be secured.

The board petitioned the general council to adopt an ordinance regulating the hitching of horses on brick or bitulithic streets.

The board agreed to pay 30 cents per load for hauling dirt from the Washington street storm water sewers to the Caldwell street fill.

Thanks were extended Sept. W. J. Hills of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad, for dirt he gave the city.

FOR RENT.

Good 4-room house, newly papered, 1119 N. 12th St., at \$8.00 month.

505 Fountain Ave., 4-room cottage, front and back porches, hall, well shaded lot 49x150 feet, nice condition, 3 grade fire places, bargain at \$1,600 cash.

4-room house and 9 lots 40 feet wide, surrounded by lots sold and selling fast, at \$250 each, whole offer for \$2,000 which is a great bargain. See me and get details.

5-room house on east side S. 4th St., between Clark and Adams, at \$1,800.

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These are samples. Ask for what you want and we can furnish it.

A few more lots unsold in the Terrell Fountain Park addition at \$250 each on payments of \$25 cash and balance \$5 per month. These are the best monthly payment lots now to be had about the city and will soon be gone. More future rise in value in these lots than any you can get for homes.

For Sale—Six-room cottage, on S. E. corner 7th and Harrison; lot 57 ft. 9 inches by 165 feet; stable, servants' house; on long, easy payments. Only \$500 cash. See me for details and get home in best residence part of north side.

Chance for colored people. Have half dozen houses for sale at prices \$500 to \$1000 on very easy payments. Small cash and afterwards by the month.

Now is the time to get small places for country homes. Can sell nice lots from 5 acres up in very desirable location, near electric cars.

9-room house, 5 blocks from post-office, north side, sewer connected, in best part of city, at \$3,500, of this only \$500 cash, balance \$300 month. Don't forget that I have at all times plenty of money to loan on farm mortgages at six per cent interest ten years time.

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503 Fountain Ave., 6 room house, nice, water inside, excellent location. See me as to price which depends on terms of payment.

Some excellent farm offers near city, do now for sub-division and pay handsome profit at once on present prices.

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Five acres fronting 515 feet on south side of Hinkleville road near city limits at \$300 acre. This land can be subdivided into lots and resold at handsome profit. Easy payments.

Five 4-room double houses on lots each 40x165 feet to 15 foot alley, on north side of Clay street between 12th and 13th streets at \$1,050 each, \$100 cash and balance in monthly payments of \$15. Repts now at \$10 month. These are bargains for investment, at houses in good condition and ground rapidly rising in value. Take one or more.

One nice 7-room houses in city new, never been occupied, all modern conveniences, near Madison St. fronting on Fountain Ave. and opposite Lang park, at \$300, part on time. This is fine offer in good home. Look at it and see.

4 6-10 acres near Wallace Park, high, well drained, with excellent surroundings, 60 foot street in front of it, at \$1,000 on any reasonable payments desired.

First-class cottage of 6 rooms, just renovated throughout, on north side of Jefferson St. between 13th and 14th, at \$3,500.

Several Rowlandtown lots on \$5.00 monthly payments.

240 acres best farm in county, only 4 miles from city, \$1,500 cash and balance on 5 years time. See me if you want what will double in value in few years. Resell at twice the price long before payments are due.

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